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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, was 3.8 percent in March, an increase of 0.2 percent from the February rate of 3.6 percent. The adjusted rate for the nation was 5.6 in March, down 0.1 from the previous month. From March 1987, the state's unemployment rate was down 1.0 percent, and the national rate declined 0.9 percent for the twelve-month period.

From February 1988 to March 1988, the seasonally adjusted civilian labor in the state declined to 3,296,000 (-4,000). Over the year, however, the civilian labor force saw an increase of 49,000 to reach the March estimate.

A decrease of 9,000 employed persons, after seasonal adjustments, occurred over the month as North Carolina's employment fell to 3,171,000 in March. From March 1987, employment in the state increased by 80,000 workers (+2.6 percent). The number of unemployed persons at 125,000 in March was an increase of 5,000 over the February estimate of 120,000. There was an over the year decline of 31,000 unemployed persons, for a decrease of about 20 percent.

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment experienced a loss of 4,000 workers, dropping from 2,935,800 in February to 2,931,800 in March. Employment over the month was down in both manufacturing (-3,800) and nonmanufacturing (-200). In durable and nondurable goods, employment declined from February to March. Most of the industry divisions showed small employment decreases, but small monthly gains were reported in lumber and wood (+200); machinery, except electrical (+200); food (+200); apparel (+100); and printing and publishing (+200). Industry employment gains from March 1987 totaled 104,200. Manufacturing, with a 2.0 percent growth, added 13,200 workers over the year. Employment increases amounted to 87,000 (+4.4 percent) in nonmanufacturing. Trade employment was up by 27,500, and the service industry registered an increase of 26,400 workers.

The weekly average of claims filed in March was 44,466, down 9,579 from February. Over half the decrease (-5,412) occurred in construction. Manufacturing claims were 1,177 less in March than in February.

The number of individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission totaled 11,352 in March 1988. There were 5,596 individuals placed in manufacturing jobs, 2,232 in services, 1,901 in trade, and 1,142 in construction. By occupation, 2,137 individuals were placed in benchwork, 2,039 in packaging and material handling, and 2,029 in services, except domestic.

Manufacturing workers averaged $8.01 an hour in March which was $.02 more than in February and $.25 more than in March 1987. Average weekly earnings were $322.80, and average weekly hours stood at 40.3. The number of hours worked per week was 0.4 less than a year ago, and the average weekly earnings increased by $1.54. The highest paid workers in nonmanufacturing in March were those in the communications and public utilities industry, earning $12.23 an hour.

Production workers in North Carolina manufacturing industries totaled 682,500 in March, 2,000 less than the February estimate of 684,500. Production employment climbed by 100 in durable goods, while nondurable goods sustained a loss of 2,100. The tobacco industry lost 1,500 of these workers. From a year ago, production employment rose by 12,800 workers. The furniture and textile industries both gained 3,100 workers as food added 2,000.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

March 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: October 1987 through March 1988					
	Mar. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,786	4,834	4,840	4,846	4,852	4,858	4,864
Civilian Labor Force	3,247	3,324	3,314	3,291	3,291	3,300	3,296
Participation Rate[1]	67.8	68.8	68.5	67.9	67.8	67.9	67.8
Employed	3,091	3,188	3,181	3,144	3,135	3,180	3,171
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	64.6	65.9	65.7	64.9	64.6	65.5	65.2
Unemployed	156	136	133	147	156	120	125
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.7	3.6	3.8
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: January 1988 through March 1988		
	Mar. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,786	4,852	4,858	4,864
Civilian Labor Force	3,219	3,247	3,284	3,265
Participation Rate[1]	67.3	66.9	67.6	67.1
Employed	3,060	3,082	3,146	3,136
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	63.9	63.9	63.5	64.8
Unemployed	159	166	138	129
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.1	4.2	4.0
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.3	2.4	2.0	INA[4]

[1]The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.
[2]The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.
[3]The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.
[4]Information not available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

March 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: October 1987 through March 1988					
	Mar. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	182,179	183,311	183,470	183,620	183,822	183,969	184,111
Civilian Labor Force	119,246	120,387	120,594	120,722	121,175	121,348	120,903
Participation Rate[1]	65.5	65.7	65.7	65.7	65.9	66.0	65.7
Employed	111,455	113,210	113,504	113,744	114,129	114,409	114,103
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	61.5	61.8	61.9	61.9	62.1	62.2	62.0
Unemployed	7,791	7,177	7,090	6,978	7,046	6,938	6,801
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.6
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.2	INA[4]

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: January 1987 through March 1988		
	Mar. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	182,179	183,822	183,969	184,111
Civilian Labor Force	118,353	119,742	119,942	119,957
Participation Rate[1]	65.0	65.1	65.2	65.2
Employed	110,229	112,139	112,460	112,867
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	60.5	61.1	61.1	61.3
Unemployed	8,124	7,603	7,482	7,090
Unemployment Rate	6.9	6.3	6.2	5.9
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	3.0	2.4	2.8	INA[4]

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

March 1987-March 1988

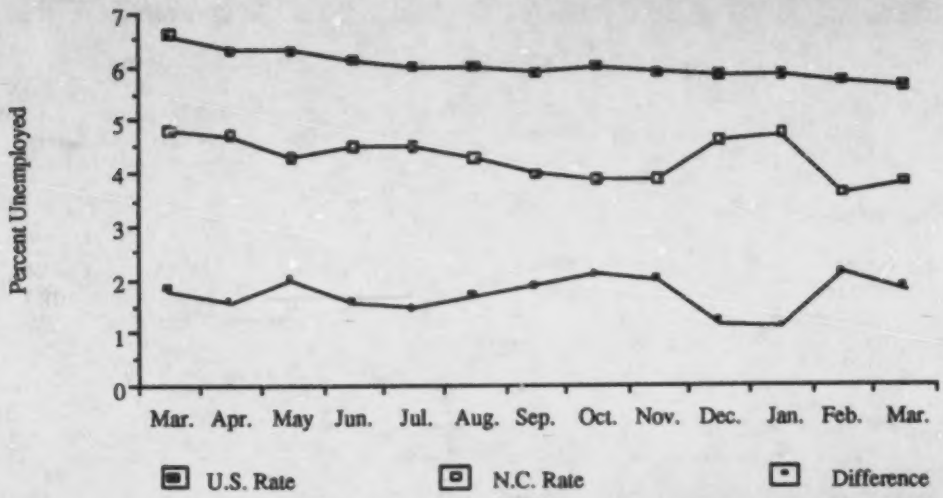

Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

March 1987-March 1988

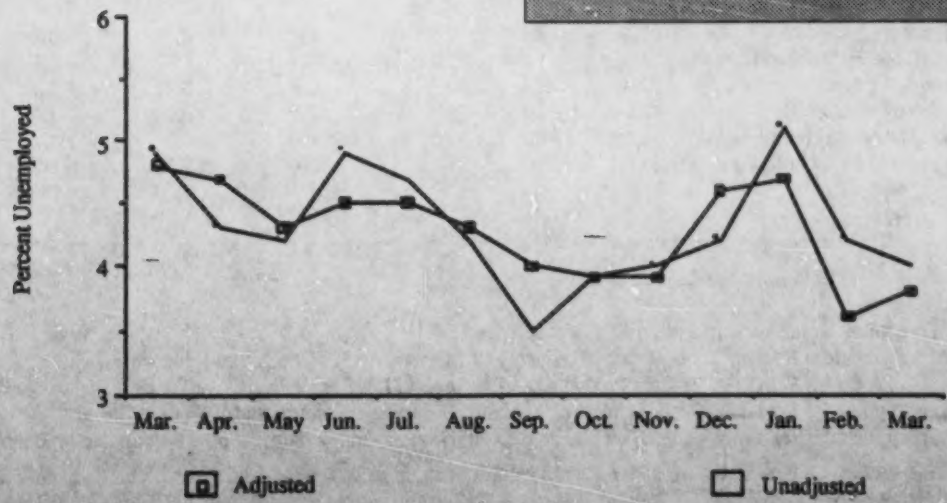

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

March 1988[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
				February 1988		March 1987	
	Mar. 1988	Feb.[2] 1988	Mar. 1987	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,265.1	3,284.0	3,218.7	- 18.9	- 0.6	+ 46.4	+ 1.4
Unemployment, Total	129.1	137.5	158.8	- 8.4	- 6.1	- 29.7	- 18.7
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.0	4.2	4.9	- 0.2	xxx	- 0.9	xxx
Employment, Total	3,136.0	3,146.5	3,059.9	- 10.5	- 0.3	+ 76.1	+ 2.5
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,296.0	3,300.0	3,247.0	- 4.0	- 0.1	+ 49.0	+ 1.5
Unemployment, Total	125.0	120.0	156.0	+ 5.0	+ 4.2	- 31.0	- 19.9
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.8	3.6	4.8	+ 0.2	xxx	- 1.0	xxx
Employment, Total	3,171.0	3,180.0	3,091.0	- 9.0	- 0.3	+ 80.0	+ 2.6
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,931.8	2,935.8	2,827.6	- 4.0	- 0.1	+ 104.2	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	866.3	870.1	849.1	- 3.8	- 0.4	+ 17.2	+ 2.0
Durable Goods	350.7	351.8	341.5	- 1.1	- 0.3	+ 9.2	+ 2.7
Lumber & Wood Products	37.3	37.1	37.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	- 0.5	- 1.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.6	12.6	12.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.4	9.4	9.6	0.0	0.0	- 0.2	- 2.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.7	4.4	5.0	+ 0.3	+ 6.8	- 0.3	- 6.0
Furniture & Fixtures	92.4	92.8	88.6	- 0.4	- 0.4	+ 3.8	+ 4.3
Household Furniture	82.1	82.3	78.7	- 0.2	- 0.2	+ 3.4	+ 4.3
Wood Household Furniture	41.2	41.2	39.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.7	+ 4.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	34.6	35.0	33.1	- 0.4	- 1.1	+ 1.5	+ 4.5

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Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
				February 1988		March 1987	
	Mar. 1988	Feb.[2] 1988	Mar. 1987	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Stone, Clay & Glass	20.7	20.7	20.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Structural Clay Products	2.9	3.0	2.9	- 0.1	- 3.3	0.0	0.0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	6.0	6.1	5.8	- 0.1	- 1.6	+ 0.2	+ 3.4
Primary Metal Products	11.9	12.0	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 6.2
Fabricated Metal Products	27.0	27.2	26.7	- 0.2	- 0.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	8.4	8.6	8.6	- 0.2	- 2.3	- 0.2	- 2.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.7	58.5	56.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.7	+ 4.8
Special Industry Machinery	8.4	8.2	7.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.4	+ 0.5	+ 6.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.5	60.0	59.2	- 0.5	- 0.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Household Appliances	4.7	4.8	4.7	- 0.1	- 2.1	0.0	- 0.0
Transportation Equipment	25.8	26.1	24.9	- 0.3	- 1.1	+ 0.9	+ 3.6
Other Durable Goods[4]	17.4	17.4	17.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Nondurable Goods	515.6	518.3	507.6	- 2.7	- 0.5	+ 8.0	+ 1.6
Food & Kindred Products	51.1	50.9	48.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.5	+ 5.1
Meat Products	23.5	23.2	22.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.3	+ 1.5	+ 6.8
Meat Packing Products	2.5	2.4	2.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.2	+ 0.1	+ 4.2
Dairy Products	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 0.1	- 3.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.6
Bakery Products	8.3	8.4	8.1	- 0.1	- 1.2	+ 2.0	+ 2.5
Beverages	5.8	6.0	6.0	- 0.2	- 3.3	- 0.2	- 3.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.7	23.5	24.8	- 0.8	- 3.4	- 2.1	- 8.5
Cigarettes	18.9	18.6	20.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.6	- 1.3	- 6.4
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.2	4.5	4.2	- 1.3	- 28.9	- 1.0	- 23.8
Textile Mill Products	221.1	223.2	218.1	- 2.1	- 0.9	+ 3.0	+ 1.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	51.3	51.5	50.9	- 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.5	26.5	26.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.3	24.4	24.1	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.8

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(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Mar. 1988	Feb.[2] 1988	Mar. 1987	Change From: February 1988 Net	February 1988 Percent	March 1987 Net	March 1987 Percent
Knitting Mills	84.4	84.9	83.4	- 0.5	- 0.6	+ 1.0	+ 1.2
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	25.8	25.6	25.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	22.7	22.6	22.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.7	16.2	15.2	- 0.5	- 3.1	+ 0.5	+ 3.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.5	6.6	6.0	- 0.1	- 1.5	+ 0.5	+ 8.3
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	14.8	14.9	14.4	- 0.1	- 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.8	56.4	55.0	- 0.6	- 1.1	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.8	90.7	89.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.6	+ 1.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats & Furnishings	31.7	31.5	29.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.9	+ 6.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.4	35.2	37.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.6	- 2.1	- 5.6
Paper & Allied Products	21.9	22.0	22.0	- 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.1	- 0.5
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.3	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	29.4	29.2	28.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.1	+ 3.9
Newspapers	10.8	10.8	10.4	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	40.5	40.5	40.0	0.0	0.0	± 0.5	+ 1.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	13.0	12.6	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.7	33.9	32.5	- 0.2	- 0.6	+ 1.2	+ 3.7
Other Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	2,065.5	2,065.7	1,978.5	- 0.2	xxx	+ 87.0	+ 4.4
Mining	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	169.0	169.9	158.5	- 0.9	- 0.5	+ 10.5	+ 6.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	145.9	145.4	139.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 6.8	+ 4.9
Transportation, exc. Railroad	85.3	84.6	78.4	+ 0.7	+ 0.8	+ 6.9	+ 8.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.9	57.0	56.6	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.5

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(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

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				February 1988		March 1987	
	Mar. 1988	Feb.[2] 1988	Mar. 1987	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Wholesale and Retail Trade	663.0	665.0	635.5	- 2.0	- 0.3	+ 27.5	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	159.4	159.1	149.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 9.6	+ 6.4
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	95.6	95.8	90.3	- 0.2	- 0.2	+ 5.3	+ 5.9
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	63.8	63.3	59.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.8	+ 4.3	+ 7.2
Retail Trade	503.6	505.9	485.7	- 2.3	- 0.5	+ 17.9	+ 3.7
General Merchandise Stores	69.8	69.7	68.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.4	+ 2.0
Food Stores	79.0	78.9	76.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.1	+ 2.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	130.8	130.4	123.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 7.5	+ 6.1
Service & Miscellaneous[6]	504.3	505.0	477.9	- 0.7	+ 0.1	+ 26.4	+ 5.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.9	28.6	27.9	- 0.7	- 2.4	0.0	0.0
Personal Services	31.4	31.3	28.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 3.0	+ 10.6
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	14.0	14.0	12.7	0.0	0.0	+ 1.3	+ 10.2
Total Government	447.5	445.0	439.2	+ 2.5	+ 0.6	+ 8.3	+ 1.9
Federal	53.7	53.5	53.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
State	129.9	129.0	130.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.7	- 0.2	- 0.2
Education	67.4	66.9	68.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.7	- 1.1	- 1.6
Other	62.5	62.1	61.6	- 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
Local	263.9	262.5	255.9	+ 1.4	+ 0.5	+ 8.0	+ 3.1
Education	136.8	136.3	133.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.1	+ 2.3
Other	127.1	126.2	122.2	+ 0.9	+ 0.7	+ 4.9	+ 4.0
All Other Nonag. Employment[7]	256.2	255.6	250.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.2	+ 6.1	+ 2.4
Agriculture	37.5	34.1	40.3	+ 3.4	+ 10.0	- 2.8	- 6.9

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Figure 3

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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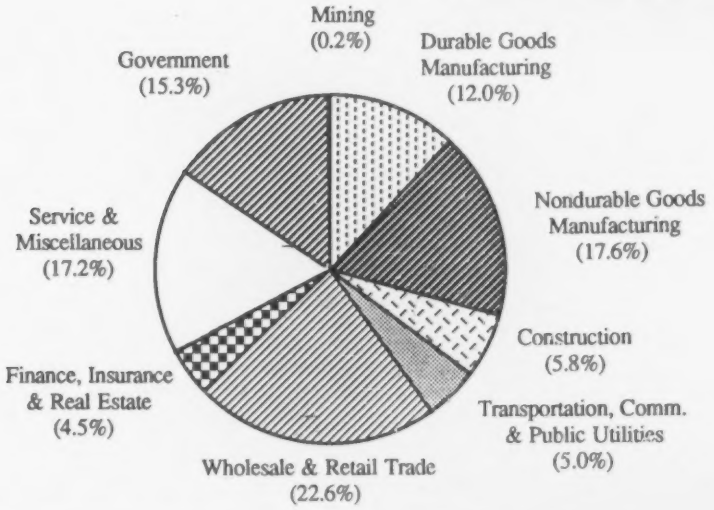

Figure 4

Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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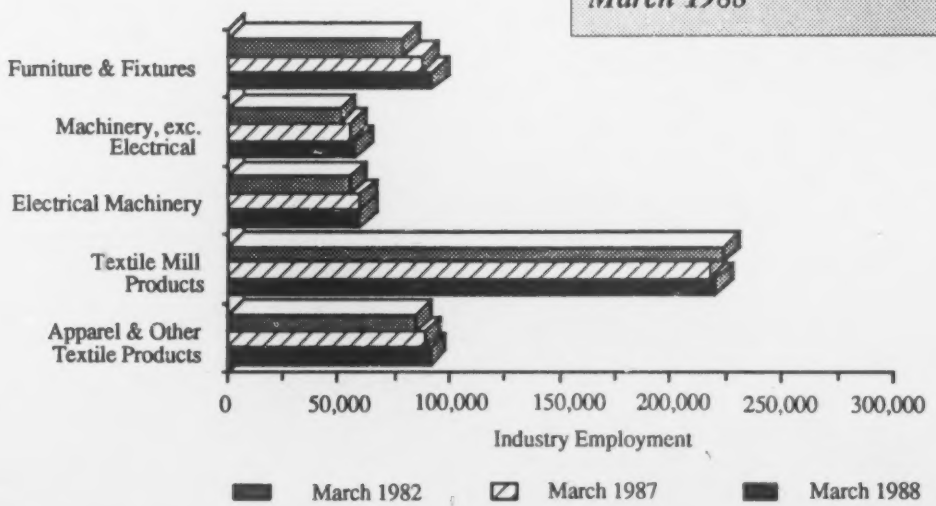

Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector[1]

March 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed: Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month: Numerical	Change From Previous Month: Percent
Total All Industries	2,712,755	44,466	1.6	- 9,579	- 17.7
Manufacturing Total	840,940	18,020	2.1	- 1,177	- 6.1
Food Products	48,001	1,272	2.6	- 176	+ 12.2
Tobacco	24,981	1,099	4.4	+ 552	+ 100.9
Textile Products	218,856	5,094	2.3	- 33	- 0.6
Apparel Products	84,630	2,945	3.5	+ 145	+ 5.2
Lumber & Wood	37,870	1,117	2.9	- 858	- 43.4
Furniture & Fixtures	87,402	1,438	1.6	- 152	- 9.6
Paper & Allied	21,991	197	0.9	- 81	- 29.1
Printing & Publishing	28,136	262	0.9	+ 9	+ 3.6
Chemicals & Allied	39,331	254	0.6	- 43	- 14.5
Rubber & Plastics	32,700	771	2.4	- 27	- 3.4
Leather Products	3,474	45	1.3	- 3	- 6.2
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,159	371	1.8	- 300	- 44.7
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,130	576	1.6	- 116	- 16.8
Nonelectrical Machinery	55,952	647	1.2	+ 77	+ 13.5
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,089	1,458	2.5	+ 9	+ 0.6
Transportation Equipment	24,139	281	1.2	- 71	- 20.2
Other Manufacturing[2]	18,099	193	1.1	- 109	- 36.1
Construction	155,705	6,453	4.1	- 5,412	- 45.6
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	132,923	1,426	1.1	- 360	- 20.2
Trade	633,734	7,139	1.1	- 641	- 8.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	121,292	1,059	0.9	- 67	- 6.0
Services	429,428	3,940	0.9	- 683	- 14.8
State Government	112,590	407	0.4	- 33	- 7.5
Local Government	256,243	641	0.3	- 149	- 18.9
Other[3]	xxx	5,381	xxx	- 1,057	- 16.4

[1]These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.
[2]"Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.
[3]"Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

March 1988[1]

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed[2]	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs[2, 3]	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	123,358	115,883	7,173	120	10,160
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	3,708	3,369	25	2	53
Clerical Occupations	13,938	13,686	58	9	238
Sales Occupations	3,746	3,548	13	1	12
Domestic Service Occupations	1,072	785	4	0	1
Other Service Occupations	18,799	17,974	32	4	129
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	12,333	7,890	6,563	0	91
Processing Occupations	9,517	9,152	133	30	22
Machine Trade Occupations	14,301	14,213	39	11	295
Benchwork Occupations	19,555	19,444	39	0	41
Structural Work Occupations	13,736	13,400	80	16	8,863
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	2,553	2,391	51	9	208
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	21,047	19,345	173	33	351
Miscellaneous Occupations	433	386	1	5	6

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Table 5
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Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

March 1988[1]

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
53,452	5,815	18,111	1,175	23,056	4,455	8,485
407	70	464	64	1,447	858	1,448
2,050	1,726	4,354	703	3,602	1,248	2,694
123	89	2,798	70	445	9	29
1	1	2	7	720	49	82
877	217	6,440	118	8,999	1,473	2,663
174	171	75	73	548	219	535
8,230	277	381	7	102	5	10
12,745	66	445	6	612	35	70
17,376	6	253	2	1,860	1	34
2,870	165	291	116	993	344	413
314	838	652	7	291	80	103
10,714	2,170	2,304	5	3,921	96	363

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Figure 5

A Comparison of Insured Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

March 1987-March 1988

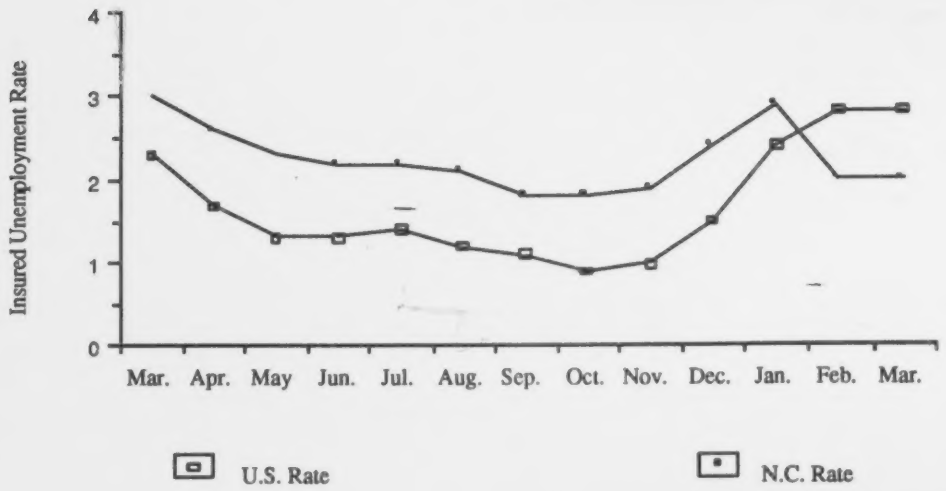
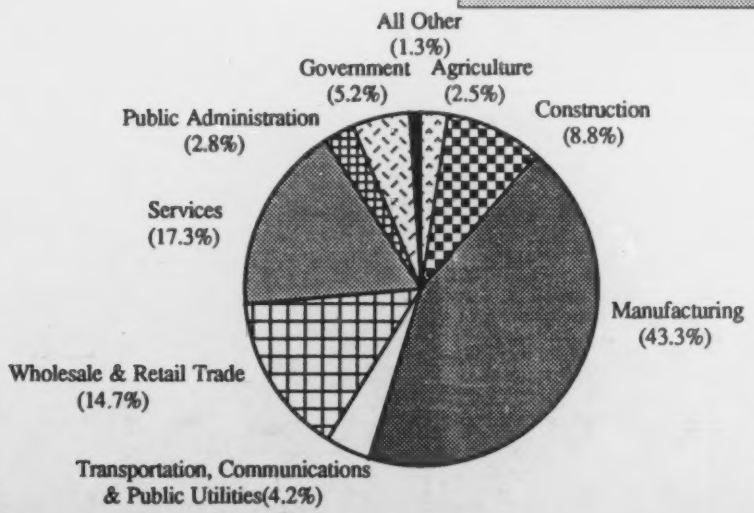


Figure 6

Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

March 1988



Appendix

Table I — *Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina*

Table II — *Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina*

Figure I — *Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina*

Figure II — *Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Compared to the North Carolina Average*

Table III — *Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina*

Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

March 1988[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Mar. 1988	Feb.[2] 1988	Mar. 1987	Percent Change From: Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,920.5	2,902.5	2,817.0	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	862.9	864.7	845.5	- 0.2	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	350.5	350.6	341.2	.6	+ 2.7
Lumber & Wood Products	37.0	36.5	37.6	+ 1.4	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.5	12.4	12.5	+ 0.8	0.0
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.3	9.3	9.5	0.0	- 2.1
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	4.7	4.3	5.0	+ 9.3	- 6.0
Furniture & Fixtures	92.8	93.4	89.0	- 0.6	+ 4.3
Household Furniture	82.5	83.0	79.1	- 0.6	+ 4.3
Wood Household Furniture	41.3	41.3	39.6	0.0	+ 4.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	34.8	35.1	33.3	- 0.9	+ 4.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	20.5	20.3	19.9	+ 1.0	+ 3.0
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	6.0	5.9	5.8	+ 1.7	+ 3.4
Primary Metal Industries	11.9	11.9	11.2	0.0	+ 6.2
Fabricated Metal Industries	26.8	27.0	26.5	- 0.7	+ 1.1
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.4	8.4	- 2.4	- 2.4
Machinery, except Electrical	58.5	58.4	55.7	+ 0.2	+ 5.0
Special Industry Machinery	8.3	8.2	7.9	+ 1.2	+ 5.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.6	59.7	59.3	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Household Appliances	4.5	4.4	4.5	+ 2.3	0.0
Transportation Equipment	26.0	26.1	25.0	- 0.4	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods[3]	17.4	17.3	17.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Nondurable Goods	512.4	514.1	504.3	- 0.3	+ 1.6
Food & Kindred Products	50.0	49.8	47.6	+ 0.4	+ 5.0
Meat Products	23.3	23.1	21.8	+ 0.9	+ 6.9
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.4	2.4	+ 4.2	+ 4.2
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	- 3.6
Bakery Products	8.3	8.3	8.1	0.0	+ 2.5
Beverages	5.7	5.8	5.7	- 1.7	0.0

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
[4]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
[5]This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.
[6]Less than .05 percent

Table I
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Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

March 1988[1] (Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1988	Feb.[2] 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.5	22.8	23.5	- 5.7	- 8.5
Cigarettes	18.8	18.5	20.1	+ 1.6	- 6.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.3	3.9	3.0	-41.0	- 23.3
Textile Mill Products	220.7	221.2	217.6	- 0.2	+ 1.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	51.1	51.3	50.6	- 0.4	+ 1.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.2	26.4	26.0	- 0.8	+ 0.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.2	24.3	24.0	- 0.4	+ 0.8
Knitting Mills	84.1	84.1	83.1	0.0	+ 1.2
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	25.7	25.4	25.8	+ 1.2	- 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	22.6	22.4	22.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.7	16.0	15.2	- 1.9	+ 3.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.5	6.5	6.0	0.0	+ 8.3
Textile Finishing, except Wool	14.8	14.8	14.4	0.0	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.9	56.1	55.1	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.9	90.2	88.3	- 0.3	+ 1.8
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	31.4	31.4	29.5	0.0	- 5.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	34.9	35.1	36.9	- 0.6	+ 6.4
Paper & Allied Products	21.9	22.1	22.0	- 0.9	- 0.5
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.5	10.3	- 1.9	0.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.7	7.7	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	29.8	29.5	28.6	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
Newspapers	10.8	10.7	10.4	+ 0.9	+ 3.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	40.5	40.3	40.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	13.0	12.6	0.0	+ 3.2
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.7	33.8	32.5	- 0.3	+ 3.7
Other Nondurable Goods[4]	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	+ 7.3

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
[4]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
[5]This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Table I
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Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

March 1988[1]
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1988	Feb.[2] 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Nonmanufacturing	2,057.6	2,037.8	1,971.5	+ 1.0	+ 4.4
Mining	4.9	4.8	4.9	+ 2.1	0.0
Construction	164.1	160.0	153.9	+ 2.6	+ 6.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	144.6	143.4	137.8	+ 0.8	+ 4.9
Transportation, except Railroad	84.2	83.1	77.5	+ 1.3	+ 8.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.7	56.6	56.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	652.6	648.7	625.7	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	158.1	157.0	148.6	+ 0.7	+ 6.4
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	95.9	95.5	90.6	+ 0.4	+ 5.8
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	62.2	61.5	58.0	+ 1.1	+ 7.2
Retail Trade	494.5	491.7	477.1	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
General Merchandise Stores	67.4	67.3	66.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
Food Stores	78.3	78.0	76.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	129.8	129.2	122.3	+ 0.5	+ 6.1
Service & Miscellaneous[5]	501.8	496.4	475.5	+ 1.1	+ 5.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.7	25.4	25.7	+ 1.2	0.0
Personal Services	32.2	32.0	29.2	+ 0.6	+ 10.3
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	14.0	13.9	12.7	+ 0.7	+ 10.2
Health Services	125.0	124.3	119.3	+ 0.6	+ 4.8
Hospitals	48.0	47.5	45.9	+ 1.1	+ 4.6
Legal Services	12.9	12.8	11.6	+ 0.8	+ 11.2
Educational Services	33.4	33.4	34.1	0.0	- 2.1
Total Government	459.8	455.3	451.4	+ 1.0	+ 1.9
Federal	53.5	53.1	53.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.9
State	134.2	132.8	134.5	+ 1.1	- 0.2
Education	72.4	71.4	73.6	+ 1.4	- 1.6
Other	61.8	61.4	60.9	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Local	272.1	269.4	263.9	+ 1.0	+ 3.1
Education	146.5	145.0	143.2	+ 1.0	+ 2.3
Other	125.6	124.4	120.7	+ 1.0	+ 4.1

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[2]Revised.
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[4]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
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These data replace the February data shown on Table II, Appendix, in the February 1988 issue of the "State Labor Summary: North Carolina."

Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

February 1988[2]

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1988	Jan.[3] 1988	Feb.[3] 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan.[3] 1988	Feb.[3] 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan.[3] 1988	Feb.[3] 1987
Manufacturing	$324.39	$326.84	$316.20	40.6	40.5	40.8	$ 7.99	$ 8.07	$ 7.75
Durable Goods	341.13	336.53	328.43	41.1	40.4	40.9	8.30	8.33	8.03
Lumber & Wood Products	280.00	270.13	268.93	40.0	38.1	39.9	7.00	7.09	6.74
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	288.56	280.80	269.06	41.4	40.0	40.4	6.97	7.02	6.66
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	286.04	274.28	266.42	37.1	34.5	34.6	7.71	7.95	7.70
Furniture & Fixtures	287.82	283.04	281.47	39.0	38.3	39.7	7.38	7.39	7.09
Household Furniture	285.87	280.74	279.89	39.0	38.3	39.7	7.33	7.33	7.05
Wood Household Furniture	278.59	270.66	266.47	40.2	39.0	40.1	6.93	6.94	6.67
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	365.20	341.83	346.94	41.5	38.8	41.5	8.80	8.81	8.36
Structural Clay Products	316.08	298.82	284.95	42.2	40.6	41.0	7.49	7.36	6.95
Primary Metal Industries	412.53	394.70	384.86	43.7	41.2	42.2	9.44	9.58	9.12
Fabricated Metal Industries	375.16	377.90	360.50	42.2	42.7	41.2	8.89	8.85	8.75
Machinery, exc. Electrical	382.17	382.24	384.85	42.7	42.9	43.0	8.95	8.91	8.95
Special Industry Machinery	371.09	356.93	355.32	43.2	41.6	42.2	8.59	8.58	8.42
Electrical Machinery	397.29	393.02	370.64	42.4	41.9	41.0	9.37	9.38	9.04
Household Appliances	288.01	259.99	264.62	41.5	37.9	38.8	6.94	6.86	6.82
Transportation Equipment	402.28	410.85	371.50	44.5	45.0	42.8	9.04	9.13	8.68
Nondurable Goods	313.16	319.95	308.10	40.2	40.5	40.7	7.79	7.90	7.57
Food & Kindred Products	265.88	292.82	261.89	37.5	41.3	37.9	7.09	7.09	6.91
Meat Products	210.35	243.61	213.37	35.0	40.2	35.8	6.01	6.06	5.96
Meat Packing Products	338.98	370.92	310.45	42.8	45.4	39.1	7.92	8.17	7.94

[1]These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.
[2]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[3]Revised.

Table II
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Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

February 1988[2]

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1988	Jan.[3] 1988	Feb.[3] 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan.[3] 1988	Feb.[3] 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan.[3] 1988	Feb.[3] 1987
Dairy Products	303.16	296.65	291.62	42.4	41.9	41.6	7.15	7.08	7.01
Grain Mill Products	330.49	358.05	329.18	42.1	44.7	43.6	7.85	8.01	7.55
Bakery Products	328.13	343.48	295.25	41.8	43.7	40.5	7.85	7.86	7.29
Beverages	499.99	500.38	464.13	39.4	39.4	39.3	12.69	12.70	11.81
Tobacco Manufacturers	561.63	579.35	520.12	38.6	39.6	35.6	14.55	14.63	14.61
Cigarettes	662.20	720.37	578.89	39.7	42.6	36.5	16.68	16.91	15.86
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	214.37	182.36	191.57	34.8	30.7	29.7	6.16	5.94	6.45
Textile Mill Products	290.21	293.94	288.91	41.4	41.4	42.3	7.01	7.10	6.83
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	323.65	333.32	332.88	41.6	42.3	43.4	7.78	7.88	7.67
Weaving Mills, Cotton	318.68	322.38	333.33	40.7	40.5	42.9	7.83	7.96	7.77
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	328.53	335.64	332.64	42.5	44.2	44.0	7.73	7.82	7.56
Knitting Mills	267.24	264.13	256.14	40.8	39.6	40.4	6.55	6.67	6.34
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	247.73	242.45	238.94	39.7	37.3	39.3	6.24	6.50	6.08
Hosiery, NEC	263.94	259.20	235.36	41.5	40.5	37.9	6.36	6.40	6.21
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	299.75	302.40	299.20	42.1	42.0	43.3	7.12	7.20	6.91
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	328.05	335.07	325.27	45.0	45.9	46.6	7.29	7.30	6.98
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	296.19	298.45	295.68	41.6	41.8	42.3	7.12	7.14	6.99
Yarn & Thread Mills	289.95	297.46	294.81	41.9	42.8	44.2	6.92	6.95	6.67
Apparel & Other Textile Products	206.09	203.81	205.36	37.2	36.2	38.1	5.54	5.63	5.39
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	208.85	206.92	202.37	36.9	35.8	37.2	5.66	5.78	5.44
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	195.90	190.37	190.01	37.6	36.4	37.7	5.21	5.23	5.04

[1]These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.
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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

March 1988[2]

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb.[3] 1988	Mar.[3] 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb.[3] 1988	Mar.[3] 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb.[3] 1988	Mar.[3] 1987
Manufacturing	$322.80	$325.19	$321.26	40.3	40.7	41.4	$8.01	$7.99	$7.76
Durable Goods	338.23	341.96	335.27	40.8	41.3	41.7	8.29	8.28	8.04
Lumber & Wood Products	281.20	279.20	277.95	40.0	40.0	41.3	7.03	6.98	6.73
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	285.42	285.77	274.55	40.6	41.0	41.1	7.03	6.97	6.68
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	320.62	286.04	311.20	39.1	37.1	40.0	8.20	7.71	7.78
Furniture & Fixtures	286.73	291.46	290.09	38.8	39.6	40.8	7.39	7.36	7.11
Household Furniture	284.40	289.87	289.27	38.8	39.6	40.8	7.33	7.32	7.09
Wood Household Furniture	272.35	278.70	277.64	39.3	40.1	41.5	6.93	6.95	6.69
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	365.29	367.42	357.44	41.7	41.8	42.3	8.76	8.79	8.45
Structural Clay Products	321.20	316.83	315.00	42.6	42.3	45.0	7.54	7.49	7.00
Primary Metal Industries	409.92	412.02	395.85	42.7	43.6	43.5	9.60	9.45	9.10
Fabricated Metal Industries	369.98	373.05	357.70	41.9	42.2	41.4	8.83	8.84	8.64
Machinery, exc. Electrical	379.14	380.84	391.13	42.6	42.6	43.8	8.90	8.94	8.93
Special Industry Machinery	362.92	371.95	370.99	42.2	43.3	43.8	8.60	8.59	8.47
Electrical Machinery	385.74	393.64	375.50	41.3	42.1	41.4	9.34	9.35	9.07
Household Appliances	274.09	288.01	248.61	39.1	41.5	36.4	7.01	6.94	6.83
Transportation Equipment	392.84	403.64	378.45	43.6	44.7	43.6	9.01	9.03	8.68
Nondurable Goods	313.20	314.74	313.47	40.0	40.3	41.3	7.83	7.81	7.59
Food & Kindred Products	268.28	266.32	263.47	38.0	37.3	37.8	7.06	7.14	6.97
Meat Products	213.96	208.29	208.25	35.9	34.6	35.0	5.96	6.02	5.95
Meat Packing Products	343.12	314.03	339.39	42.1	39.7	41.9	8.15	7.91	8.10

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[2]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[3]Revised.

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Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

March 1988[2]

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb.[3] 1988	Mar.[3] 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb.[3] 1988	Mar.[3] 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb.[3] 1988	Mar.[3] 1987
Dairy Products	$309.46	$297.20	$304.16	43.1	41.8	42.9	$7.18	$7.11	$7.09
Grain Mill Products	331.14	332.11	328.86	41.6	42.2	43.5	7.96	7.87	7.56
Bakery Products	322.64	330.64	308.92	41.1	41.8	41.3	7.85	7.91	7.48
Beverages	511.75	518.06	479.14	40.2	40.6	39.5	12.73	12.76	12.13
Tobacco Manufacturers	623.10	581.03	566.62	40.2	39.1	37.8	15.50	14.86	14.99
Cigarettes	672.77	666.65	621.01	40.7	39.8	38.5	16.53	16.75	16.13
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	286.82	291.33	293.26	40.8	41.5	43.0	7.03	7.02	6.82
Textile Mill Products	235.15	220.98	208.63	35.9	35.7	32.7	6.55	6.19	6.38
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	321.03	327.66	334.63	41.0	41.9	43.8	7.83	7.82	7.64
Weaving Mills, Cotton	312.44	326.23	341.30	39.7	41.4	43.7	7.87	7.88	7.81
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	328.32	329.80	327.19	42.2	42.5	43.8	7.78	7.76	7.47
Knitting Mills	265.17	266.59	263.74	40.3	40.7	41.6	6.58	6.55	6.34
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	240.33	243.82	243.41	38.7	39.2	40.1	6.21	6.22	6.07
Hosiery, NEC	260.53	264.36	247.78	40.9	41.5	39.9	6.37	6.37	6.21
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	299.94	300.46	303.16	41.6	42.2	44.0	7.21	7.12	6.89
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	337.72	338.00	336.92	45.7	45.8	48.2	7.39	7.38	6.99
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	287.83	296.90	302.13	40.2	41.7	43.1	7.16	7.12	7.01
Yarn & Thread Mills	284.00	291.06	296.82	41.1	42.0	44.5	6.91	6.93	6.67
Apparel & Other Textile Products	207.58	207.94	207.90	37.2	37.4	38.5	5.58	5.56	5.40
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	206.55	205.10	208.62	36.3	36.3	38.0	5.69	5.65	5.49
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	191.73	196.27	187.99	36.8	37.6	37.3	5.21	5.22	5.04

[1]These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.
[2]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[3]Revised.

Table II

(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

February 1988[2]

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1988	Jan.[3] 1988	Feb.[3] 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan.[3] 1988	Feb.[3] 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan[3] 1988	Feb.[3] 1987
Paper & Allied Products	486.49	522.06	479.37	42.9	45.2	43.5	11.34	11.55	11.02
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	623.24	682.18	633.86	42.6	46.0	45.7	14.63	14.83	13.87
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	387.60	409.92	365.45	42.5	44.8	42.2	9.12	9.15	8.66
Printing & Publishing	358.93	353.86	347.70	39.4	38.8	39.2	9.11	9.12	8.87
Newspapers	295.25	289.90	275.20	33.1	32.5	32.3	8.92	8.92	8.52
Chemicals & Allied Products	470.46	474.14	449.10	43.4	43.3	43.1	10.84	10.95	10.42
Plastics & Synthetics	525.68	552.48	513.16	45.2	46.9	44.7	11.63	11.78	11.48
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	403.03	405.72	391.55	41.0	41.4	41.0	9.83	9.80	9.55
Mining	412.53	345.23	387.54	46.3	39.5	45.7	8.91	8.74	8.48
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	521.56	525.34	505.40	42.3	42.4	41.7	12.33	12.39	12.12
Wholesale & Retail Trade	207.32	201.61	200.66	31.7	30.5	31.6	6.54	6.61	6.35
Wholesale Trade	330.00	323.38	320.62	39.1	38.0	39.1	8.44	8.51	8.20
Retail Trade	172.57	167.28	166.97	29.6	28.4	29.5	5.83	5.89	5.66
General Merchandise Stores	158.92	148.59	153.06	27.4	25.1	26.9	5.80	5.92	5.69
Food Stores	182.70	186.62	182.83	30.5	31.0	31.2	5.99	6.02	5.86
Services, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	142.30	139.65	139.20	29.1	28.5	29.0	4.89	4.90	4.80
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	208.74	190.84	191.31	35.2	32.4	33.8	5.93	5.89	5.66

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Table II
(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

March 1988[2]

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb.[3] 1988	Mar.[3] 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb.[3] 1988	Mar.[3] 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb.[3] 1988	Mar.[3] 1987
Paper & Allied Products	$485.07	$490.91	$496.60	42.7	43.1	44.3	$11.36	$11.39	$11.21
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	638.44	631.15	678.28	44.0	43.2	47.3	14.51	14.61	14.34
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	378.90	389.85	361.23	41.5	42.7	42.2	9.13	9.13	8.56
Printing & Publishing	359.72	357.37	349.77	39.1	39.1	39.3	9.20	9.30	8.90
Newspapers	297.14	289.66	280.11	33.2	32.4	32.8	8.95	8.94	8.54
Chemicals & Allied Products	463.75	471.32	445.12	42.9	43.4	42.8	10.81	10.86	10.40
Plastics & Synthetics	525.33	528.39	526.92	44.9	45.2	45.7	11.70	11.69	11.53
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	405.41	401.80	390.52	41.2	41.0	41.5	9.84	9.80	9.41
Mining	430.83	409.45	391.44	47.5	45.8	46.6	9.07	8.94	8.40
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	514.88	521.94	509.54	42.1	42.4	41.8	12.23	12.31	12.19
Wholesale & Retail Trade	208.93	206.98	206.40	31.8	31.6	32.3	6.57	6.55	6.39
Wholesale Trade	333.26	329.16	327.16	39.3	39.0	39.8	8.48	8.44	8.22
Retail Trade	173.75	171.69	172.44	29.7	29.5	30.2	5.85	5.82	5.71
General Merchandise Stores	156.20	151.00	159.05	26.7	25.9	28.2	5.85	5.83	5.64
Food Stores	182.68	182.99	185.81	30.6	30.6	31.6	5.97	5.98	5.88
Services, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	148.54	147.56	141.85	30.5	30.3	29.8	4.87	4.87	4.76
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	203.35	201.24	198.71	35.0	34.4	34.8	5.81	5.85	5.71

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[3]Revised.

Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

March 1988

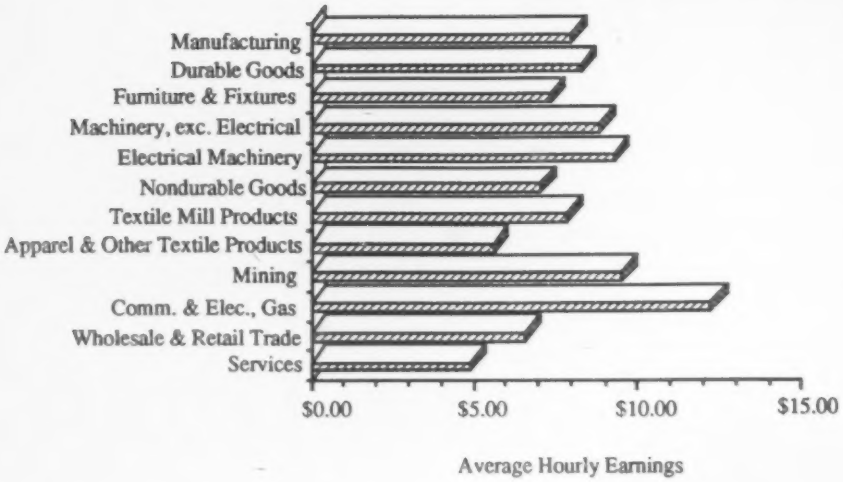

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

March 1988

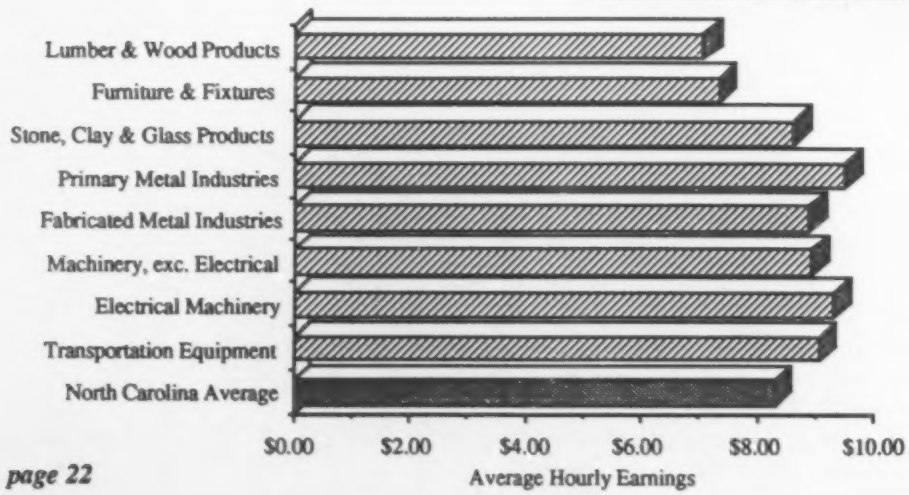

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

March 1988[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1988	Feb.[2] 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Manufacturing	682.5	684.5	669.7	- 0.3	+ 1.9
Durable Goods	264.1	264.0	257.6		+ 2.5
Lumber & Wood Products	31.6	31.0	32.0	+ 1.9	- 1.2
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	8.0	8.0	8.2	0.0	- 2.4
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	3.8	3.5	4.0	+ 8.6	- 5.0
Furniture & Fixtures	81.1	81.6	78.0	- 0.6	+ 4.0
Household Furniture	72.6	73.0	69.8	- 0.5	+ 4.0
Wood Household Furniture	37.4	37.5	36.0	- 0.3	+ 3.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	16.4	16.2	16.0	+ 1.2	+ 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.9	8.3	0.0	+ 7.2
Fabricated Metal Industries	20.1	20.2	19.9	- 0.5	+ 1.0
Machinery, except Electrical	29.7	29.7	28.3	0.0	+ 4.9
Special Industry Machinery	5.6	5.6	5.4	0.0	+ 3.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	42.4	42.3	42.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Household Appliances	3.8	3.7	4.1	+ 2.7	- 7.3
Transportation Equipment	21.0	21.1	20.2	- 0.5	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods[3]	13.1	13.0	12.7	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
Nondurable Goods	418.4	420.5	412.1	- 0.5	+ 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	35.9	35.9	33.9	0.0	+ 5.9
Meat Products	20.6	20.5	19.4	+ 0.5	+ 6.2
Meat Packing Plants	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 5.9	+ 5.9
Dairy Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	+ 6.2
Grain Mill Products	1.9	2.0	2.1	- 5.0	- 9.5
Bakery Products	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.0	+ 4.3

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.
[4]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
5Less than .05 percent

Table III
(Continued)

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

March 1988[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1988	Feb.[2] 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Beverages	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	+ 4.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	16.1	17.4	18.1	- 7.5	- 11.0
Cigarettes	14.1	13.9	15.6	+ 1.4	- 9.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.6	3.1	2.1	-48.4	- 23.8
Textile Mill Products	195.6	196.0	192.5	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	45.6	45.9	44.9	- 0.7	+ 1.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.2	23.4	22.8	- 0.9	+ 1.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.8	22.0	21.6	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Knitting Mills	74.7	74.6	73.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	22.7	22.4	23.0	+ 1.3	- 1.3
Hosiery, NEC	20.5	20.3	20.3	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.6	13.9	13.1	- 2.2	+ 3.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.7	5.7	5.3	0.0	+ 7.5
Textile Finishing, except Wool	12.5	12.5	12.1	0.0	+ 3.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.7	50.8	50.0	- 0.2	+ 1.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.1	78.5	77.1	- 0.5	+ 1.3
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	26.9	26.9	25.6	0.0	+ 5.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	30.4	30.6	32.2	- 0.7	- 5.6
Paper & Allied Products	16.5	16.6	16.5	- 0.6	0.0
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.3	7.4	7.3	- 1.4	0.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.9	5.9	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	18.6	18.4	17.7	+ 1.1	+ 5.1
Newspapers	4.3	4.2	4.0	+ 2.4	+ 7.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.2	26.2	26.1	0.0	+ 0.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.2	9.3	8.9	- 1.1	+ 3.4
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	27.6	27.8	26.7	- 0.7	+ 3.4
Other Nondurable Goods[3]	3.8	3.7	3.4	+ 2.7	+ 11.8

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.
[4]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.